

# Catholic Charities

## Connections

January-February 2025

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Greetings Catholic Charities,

Welcome 2025! We extend our best wishes for you and your loved ones as we embark on the new year. May it be full of promise, joy, laughter and love for us all.

One addition to our **Catholic Charities Connections** newsletter this year is a series we're starting which highlights members of our Board of Directors or key staff. This will offer some insight into why we do what we do, who is involved, and much more. We hope you enjoy it!

Two key ways you can get involved in 2025 are becoming foster parents (or encouraging others if you cannot) and volunteering to serve as a driver for our Senior Transportation program. All the details are included in this edition. Pray on it!

## Updates

### *How did we do in 2024?*

With your support, we were able to make a significant impact last year. Our programs are running smoothly and our board and staff are all looking forward to a great year. Thank you to everyone who played a part in helping make a difference in 2024.

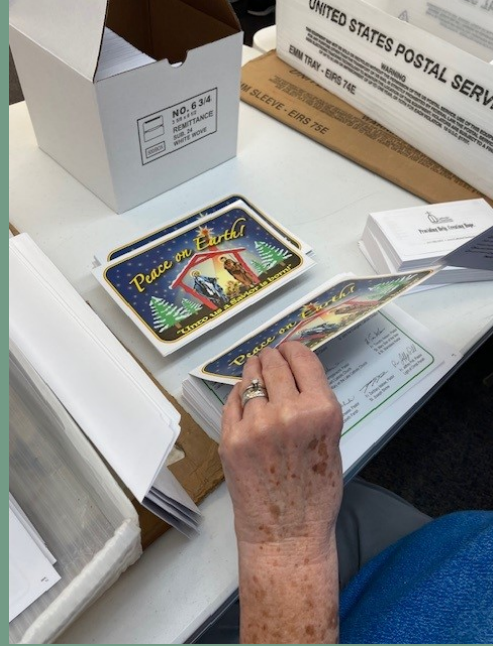
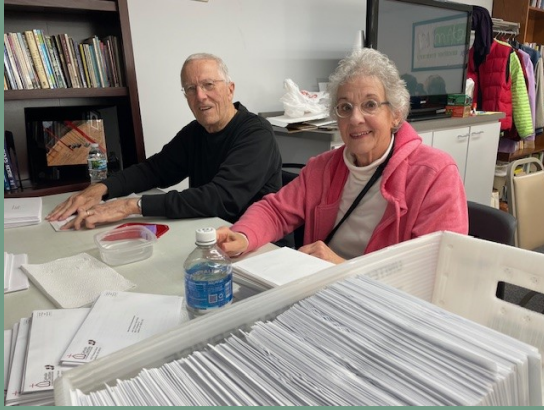
Here are some recent highlights...

Again this year, a local funder helped us ensure each Foster Child received Christmas gifts through **Operation Good Cheer**. Trucks delivered the carefully wrapped and labeled gifts to each county across the state, where local foster care workers - like ours - helped unload and deliver them directly to the families. It is a big undertaking with big results!



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Our group of **mailing volunteers** did an outstanding job getting our Christmas appeal mailing ready to ship. With over 10,000 cards, it was 'all hands on deck', but they managed to complete the job in record time. Thanks, in particular, to the **Ladies Circle group** from Queen of the Miraculous Medal parish in Jackson for leading the charge again this year.



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

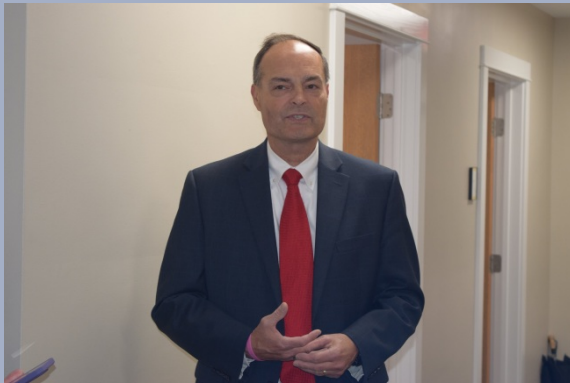


Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to see what else is happening and to watch for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

## Board of Directors Highlight

### Jerry Jarzynka

Our longest serving current Board member, Jerry Jarzynka is known across Jackson County for his work as County Prosecutor. Jerry was instrumental in helping establish our Jackson County Child Advocacy Center and has made a significant impact for that program in particular.



*Board member Jerry Jarzynka addresses the crowd at our JCCAC open house in 2023.*

When asked, "Why are you involved with Catholic Charities?", Jerry responds:

*"You love God by loving your neighbor, and Catholic Charities does that in many ways to help people in need. I am glad to be a part of that effort. As a prosecutor, Catholic Charities operation of Child Advocacy Centers in three counties is tremendous in helping children who have been sexually and physically abused to be properly interviewed allowing prosecutors to see the interviews and evaluate the cases for charging. And, whether we can charge or not, the child is provided with services to heal and provide hope.*

*With its many programs, Catholic Charities is Jesus to many people in need."*

## Upcoming Events



*We count on our amazing*

### Sponsorships available

Each year, we kick off **St. Patrick's Day** celebrations by hosting our Boxed Lunch event. We sell over 1,000 lunches annually! And we rely on sponsors to help offset the cost, directing the full donation amount to help fund our programs.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this annual event, email

*volunteers to make our St. Patrick's Day Boxed Lunch event happen.*

*Interested in joining in the fun as a volunteer? **Contact us** to be sure you are on the list for dates and times.*

us at [Development@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org](mailto:Development@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org), or call [517.879.0599](tel:517.879.0599).

Watch our [website](#) for our sponsorship form, coming soon.

## Another Day, Another Memory (ADAM)

### YOU ARE NOT ALONE in your grief journey.

Our ADAM program provides caring support for those navigating grief and loss of a loved one. With the guidance of a trained professional therapist, these free sessions are provided in a group setting, helping those who are grieving recognize that they are not alone on this difficult journey.

To find out more about our meeting schedule, call us at 517.782.2551 or email [ADAM@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org](mailto:ADAM@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org).



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## Foster Parents Needed

### Is this you?

Are you being called by God to serve as a foster parent? Maybe you know someone who would be perfect for this role. We are always in need of new homes for kids in our area.

The requirements may not be exactly what you expect - you can be married or single, have other children or not. If you have questions or just want more information, call us at [517.740.1731](tel:517.740.1731) or go to our [website](#) to find out more.



Get started on your fostering journey today! [Call us today.](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities

## Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Our **Senior Transportation Program** helps Jackson area seniors get to their important medical appointments. This program is “driven” by our amazing volunteer drivers, logging thousands of miles to help dozens of seniors make it to their appointments each year.



### Want to get involved as a volunteer?

We invite you to use your life experience and skills to become a volunteer driver. To get started email [transportation@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org](mailto:transportation@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org) or call (517)783-6102. You can make a difference!

Find out more at [www.CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org/senior-transportation](http://www.CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org/senior-transportation).

**(517) 782-2551 – Jackson**

**(517) 263-2191 – Lenawee & Hillsdale**

***Providing Help. Creating Hope.***



**Drivers** - Get started on this rewarding journey by calling **517.783.6102**.

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